the loss incurred in selling sugar less than production cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not a fact that the break-even price is Rs. 820 per quintal in Maharashtra.

(c) Government have advised the sugar industry in Maharashtra against with holding stocks released for free sale on the ground of non-realisation of the price stipulated by the industry.

(d) Since no loss is incurred by Sugar factories, the question of any intervention does not arise.

Deployment of Gardeners in the M.P.s Flats

3629. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Horticulture Department of the CPWD is provided with sufficient quantities of seeds, plants and urea for utilising them in the lawns outside the flats of MPs residing in the ground floor;

(b) the quantity of seeds, plants and fertiliser per month consumed for serving the gardens/lawns of the MP flats in South Avenue;

(c) whether Mali is provided on rotational basis or regular services of Malis are provided in the MPs flats including South Avenue MP flats;

(d) the details of the items meant for the use in the gardens/lawns of MP Flats, and the deployment of Malis in the MP flats in South Avenue; and

(e) what other facilities are provided by Horticulture Department to make the gardens/lawns more flowery and good looking in the MP flats in South Avenue, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Tenements in Pune

3630. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether 216 tenements (quarters) were constructed in Mukand Nagar, Pune, in 1961-62 primarily to rehabilitate the Central Government employees affected by floods due to breach in Khadakwasla Dam and that these tenements were to be sold to the occupants in accordance with a decision taken sometime in 1972;

(b) whether, rescinding its earlier decision, Government propose to sell these quarters at high cost thereby adversely affecting the low-paid employees;

(c) if so, what are the reasons, for rescinding the earlier decision and what is the rationale in fixing higher prices of the tenements; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider the matter in the larger interest of the economically weaker occupants, mostly belonging to class III and IV?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 216 quarters were constructed in Kukand Nagar, Pune, to accommodate the Central Government employees affected by flood by allotting the quarters on licence fee basis to them. A decision was taken to sell these quarters to the original allottees who are still in occupation. The remaining quarters are utilised for allotment under general pool.

(b) No, Sir. The principle to be adopted for determining the price has not been changed.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Halting of Chhatisgarh Express at Ganj-Basoda Station

3631. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that memoranda have been received from MLA's and Public regarding haltage of 137/138 Chhatisgarh Express at Ganj-Basoda station of Chhatisgarh Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, from Basoda Vikas Sangharash Samiti forwarded by Shri Raghavji, MP vide his letter dated 25-4-90. The suggestion for stoppage of Chhatisgarh Express and G.T. Express contained in the representation was examined but not found feasible of implementation.

World Bank's Assistance for I.C.D.S.

3632. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has agreed to assist the enriched I.C.D.S. projects in the States after discussion with officials in Washington:

(b) if so, when the discussion was held and the outcome of it;

(c) the total financial assistance sanctioned by World Bank for the project;

(d) whether Government have evaluated the ICDS programme already undertaken in different States; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome of such evaluation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SMT. USHA SINHA) : (a) to (c) Negotiations were held at Washington with World Bank representatives from 11—18 May 1990 for funding of the project proposals for Multi-State ICDS project in the States of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. These proposals envisage coverage of 191 blocks in Orissa and 110 blocks in Andhra Pradesh. During the negotiations World Bank representatives agreed in principle to provide assistance of about US $ 106 million during the project period. At an assumed rate of exchange of Rs. 17 per US $ the financial assistance will be equivalent to Rs. 180.20 crores. The Bank's Board of Directors would consider the proposals for approval in September 1990.

(d) and (e) The evaluation of ICDS programme is a continuous process. The programme have been evaluated by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Planning Commission, Nutrition Foundation of India, etc. The evaluation studies so far conducted show that :

(i) The incidence of severe malnutrition declined considerably in ICDS project areas.

(ii) The participation of the most vulnerable age group i.e. 0—3 years is higher than in any previous child welfare programme. About 45% of the children receiving supplementary nutrition are below 3 years of age.

(iii) The immunisation coverage of children in the ICDS project areas is substantially higher, sometimes even three to four times higher, than in the non-ICDS areas.

(iv) Decline in infant mortality and birth rates and greater acceptance of family planning in ICDS project areas, as summarised below, has been noticed :

Item	Figure for ICDS areas	National (SRS) figure
Infant Mortality Rate (1987)	82.6	35.0
Birth Rate (1981)	24.2	333.3
Pregnancy Prevalence Rate (1981) . . .	1.8	2.8